**Demand and supply of fertilizers**

†41. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of chemical fertilizers in the country has not been in accordance with their demand during the last few years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in order to meet the demand of fertilizers in the country, dependence on their import has increased; and

(d) if so, the quantum of increase in import of fertilizers to meet their demand in the country during the years 2003-04 and 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Requirement of major fertilizers under subsidy regime in the country *viz.* Urea, DAP and complex grade fertilizers has shown increase during the past few years and the gap between requirement and production has been met through increased import of urea and Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP). Details regarding production and import of urea and DAP during the years 2003-04 to 2007-08 are indicated below:-

(Lakh MT)

| Year | Urea | | DAP | | Complexes** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Production | Import | Production | Import | Production |
| 2003-04 | 192.03 | 0.0 | 47.34 | 7.34 | 45.11 |
| 2004-05 | 202.64 | 6.41 | 51.84 | 6.44 | 53.63 |
| 2005-06 | 200.09 | 20.57 | 46.28 | 28.27 | 67.64 |
| 2006-07 | 203.09 | 47.19 | 48.52 | 28.75 | 74.64 |
| 2007-08 | 198.60 | 69.28 | 42.12 | 29.90* | 58.50 |

*Includes 2.66 LMT of Mono-ammonium Phosphate.

**Complexes are not imported

Above table indicates that dependence on imports has increased.

**Production of fertilizers**

42. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of production of fertilizers in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.